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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 13, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 13, 2001 Office Action originally was due July 13, 2001. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time making the response due October 13, 2001. As October 13, 2001 is a Saturday, the period to respond is extended to October 15, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Concurrently filed herewith is a Notice of Appeal and authorization for the fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed and the application is currently pending.